

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation, and claims the benefit, of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/246,038, issued as U.S. Patent Number 6,778,566, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TESTING A LASER MODULE BY MEASURING ITS SIDE MODE SUPPRESSION RATIO, filed September 18, 2002, and incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.